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SUBJ: VISIT OF UNSYG WALDHEIM TO TOGO

SUMMARY: VISIT OF UNSYG TO TOGO 24-25 FEBRUARY PRESENTED ROUTINE ASPECT EXCEPT FOR APPEARANCE AT AIRPORT OF DEMONSTRATORS FROM NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF WESTERN TOGOLAND WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH PETITION, AN ACTION IN WHICH THEY WERE CLEARLY ABETTED BY TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. UNSYG WALDHEIM MADE 24-HOUR VISIT TO TOGO 24-25 FEBRUARY, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH WERE LUNCHEON BY FOREIGN MINISTER, VISITS TO UN PROJECTS, RECEPTION AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, MEETING PRESIDENT EYADEMA, AND DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. TOGO-PRESSE 25 FEBRUARY REPORTED LUNCHEON SPEECH IN WHICH HUNLEDE PRAISED WALDHEIM FOR HIS STAND ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND CREDITED HIM WITH HAVING ACHIEVED GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
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MIDEAST, EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, TROOP

WITHDRAWAL, AND STATIONING OF UN TROOPS. HUNLEDE THEN ATTACKED "BIG POWERS" FOR REFUSING TO MAKE "NECESSARY SACRIFICE" TO BRIDGE GROWING GAP BETWEEN POOR AND RICH NATIONS. ON CONTRARY, HE SAID, THEY SYSTEMATICALLY PILLAGED RAW MATERIALS OF THESE POOR COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, "INDIFFERENCE" OF GREAT POWERS TOWARD BURNING MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM HAD PROVOKED ENERGY CRISIS FROM WHICH POOR COUNTRIES WERE PRINCIPAL SUFFERERS. RICH NATIONS MUST ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC ORDER. HUNLEDE ADDED THAT, IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WANTED TO SALUTE FORTUNATE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE IN CONVOKING OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE WALDHEIM EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FOR "RESOLUTION (ON MIDDLE EAST) THEY VOTED IN SC." HE PROMISED DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO LIQUIDATE APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO BOUMEDIENNE FOR HAVING CALLED FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

4. VISIT WAS MARKED, OR MARRED, ACCORDING TO ONE'S POINT OF VIEW, BY PRESENCE IN CROWD AT SYG'S ARRIVAL OF SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS FROM NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF WESTERN TOGOLAND, WHO, AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT, UNFURLED CRUDELY LETTERED SIGNS AND PRESENTED WALDHEIM WITH PETITION, AFTER WHICH THEY WERE BUNDLED OFF BY POLICE IN PADDY WAGON.

5. TOGO-PRESSE 26 FEBRUARY COMMEMORATED DEMONSTRATION WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, SHOWING SIGNS AND WALDHEIM POLITELY ACCEPTING PETITION WITH SMILING FOREIGN MINISTER STANDING BY. PAPER QUOTED WALDHEIM, IN REPLY TO PRESS CONFERENCE QUESTION, AS SAYING: "I WAS VERY MOVED BY SPECTACLE I SAW YESTERDAY ON MY ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. IT IS VERY DIFICULT PROBLEM BUT I THINK THAT TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES AND THOSE OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRY (GHANA) WILL FIND SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO POPULATIONS CONCERNED."

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT CLOSE ENOUGH AT TIME TO OBSERVE IT, A MEMBER OF SYG'S ENTOURAGE TOLD ME THAT A TOGOLESE PROTOCOL OFFICER LED WALDHEIM DIRECTLY UP TO DEMONSTRATORS. DICKINSON

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